Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 13332.09, 14669, 19080.3, and 19836 of the Government Code, relating to the California Conservation Corps. An act to amend Section 19080.3 of the Government Code, and to add Section 14306.5 to the Public Resources Code, relating to the California Conservation Corps.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1095, as amended, Chesbro. California Conservation Corps: powers and duties.

Existing law establishes the California Conservation Corps and prescribes the functions and duties of the corps.

Existing law requires state agencies, with regard to contracts for the acquisition of motor vehicles or general mobile equipment for a state agency to be made by or under the supervision of the Department of General Services.

This bill would authorize the Director of the California Conservation Corps, if he or she determines that exigent eircumstances exist warranting prompt action, to make any necessary operational changes with respect to the procurement or management of its motor vehicle fleet, without prior approval from the Department of General Services.

Existing law authorizes the Director of General Services to hire, lease, lease-purchase, or lease with the option to purchase any real or personal property for the use of any state agency, including the Department of General Services, if he or she deems the hiring or leasing is in the best interests of the state.

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This bill would authorize the Director of the California Conservation Corps, if he or she determines that exigent eircumstances exist warranting prompt action, to lease facilities required for program needs without the review or approval of the Office of Real Estate and Design in the Department of General Services or of the department.

Existing law provides that limited term appointments shall be made only for temporary staffing needs and shall not individually or consecutively exceed one year, but authorizes the State Personnel Board to permit limited term appointments of up to a total of 2 years *in* duration when a permanent appointment would be likely to cause a layoff, demotion, or mandatory transfer requiring a change of residence upon the conclusion of the temporary staffing need.

This bill would—authorize the Director of the California Conservation—Corps, if he or she determines that exigent eircumstances exist warranting prompt action, to make limited term appointments, for a term not to exceed 2 years, without the approval of the State Personnel Board.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Personnel Administration to allow payment at any step above the minimum salary limit to classes or positions in order to meet employment recruitment problems, to obtain a person who has extraordinary classifications, to correct salary inequities resulting from actions by the department or board, or to give credit for prior state service in connection with appointments, promotions, reinstatements, transfers, reallocations, or demotions.

This bill would authorize the Director of the California Conservation Corps, if he or she determines that exigent eircumstances exist warranting prompt action, to appoint a person who possesses extraordinary qualifications to a position with the corps, at a salary range above the minimum salary for that position or class. provide that the State Personnel Board may authorize the Director of the California Conservation Corps to extend a limited term appointment for a term not to exceed 4 years if the director determines that the appointment is necessary to carry out program needs.

The bill would authorize the Director of the California Conservation Corps, in order to implement a contract that is subject to the approval of the Department of General Services, without the prior approval of the department, to appoint a person to a civil service class or position with the corps at a salary above the minimum -3- SB 1095

for that class or position; make necessary operational changes with respect to procurement or management of the corps' motor vehicle fleet; or purchase or lease property, facilities, or equipment required to carry out program needs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the 2 following:

- (a) The California Conservation Corps functions as an entrepreneurial and incentive-based program, and should be afforded greater flexibility with respect to its authority to receive and expend funds, hire staff, manage its fleet, and enter into leases and agreements for facilities needed for corps purposes.
- (b) The California Conservation Corps should have the authority to receive and expend funds for corps purposes without eumbersome notification requirements imposed by the Legislature and the Department of Finance.
- (e) The Director of the California Conservation Corps should have the authority to hire, reclassify, transfer, reallocate positions, or reassign staff without prior notification to the Department of Finance or the State Personnel Board.

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(b) The Director of the California Conservation Corps should have the authority to make limited-term limited term appointments, and appoint certain individuals who possess extraordinary qualifications to staff positions with the corps at salary ranges above the minimum salary range without the approval of the State Personnel Board Department of Personnel Administration.

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(c) The California Conservation Corps should have the authority to lease facilities needed for corps' purposes without the approval of the Department of General Services Office of Real Estate and Design.

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30 (d) The California Conservation Corps should have the authority to procure and manage its fleet without the review and

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1 approval of the Department of General Services Office of Fleet2 Administration.

- SEC. 2. Section 13332.09 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 13332.09. (a) No purchase order or other form of documentation for acquisition or replacement of motor vehicles shall be issued against any appropriation until the Department of General Services has investigated and established the necessity therefor.
- (b) A state agency may not acquire surplus mobile equipment from any source for program support until the Department of General Services has investigated and established the necessity therefor
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all contracts for the acquisition of motor vehicles or general use mobile equipment for a state agency shall be made by or under the supervision of the Department of General Services. Pursuant to Section 10298 the Department of General Services may collect a fee to offset the cost of the services provided.
- (d) All passenger-type motor vehicles purchased for state officers and employees, except constitutional officers, shall be American-made vehicles of the light class, as defined by the State Board of Control, unless excepted by the Director of General Services on the basis of unusual requirements, including, but not limited to, use by the California Highway Patrol, that would justify the need for a motor vehicle of a heavier class.
- (c) No general use mobile equipment having an original purchase price of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more shall be rented or leased from a nonstate source and payment therefor made from any appropriation for the use of the Department of Transportation, without the prior approval of the Department of General Services after a determination that comparable state-owned equipment is not available, unless obtaining approval would endanger life or property, in which ease the transaction and the justification for not having sought prior approval shall be reported immediately thereafter to the Department of General Services.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the California Conservation Corps may, if he or she determines that exigent circumstances exist warranting prompt action, make

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any necessary operational changes with respect to the procurement or management of its motor vehicle fleet, without prior approval from the Department of General Services.

(g) As used in this section:

- (1) "General use mobile equipment" means equipment that is listed in the Mobile Equipment Inventory of the State Equipment Council and which is capable of being used by more than one state agency, and shall not be deemed to refer to equipment having a practical use limited to the controlling state agency only. Section 575 of the Vehicle Code shall have no application to this section.
- (2) "State agency" means a state agency, as defined pursuant to Section 11000, and each campus of the California State University. The University of California is requested and encouraged to have the Department of General Services perform the tasks identified in this section with respect to the acquisition or replacement of motor vehicles by the University of California.
- SEC. 3. Section 14669 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 14669. (a) The director may hire, lease, lease-purchase, or lease with the option to purchase any real or personal property for the use of any state agency, including the Department of General Services, if he or she deems the hiring or leasing is in the best interests of the state.
- (b) The director shall not enter into a lease-purchase agreement that involves office space, unless specifically authorized to do so by the Legislature. The director shall solicit written bids for any lease-purchase that involves office space in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the project is located. All bids received shall be publicly opened and the lease awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. If the director deems the acceptance of the lowest responsible bid is not in the best interest of the state, he or she may reject all bids.
- (e) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5, by March 1st of each year, the director shall prepare a report listing all leases entered into in the prior calendar year with an option to purchase with another entity, public or private, that involve office space. The report shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chairperson of the

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eommittee of each house of the Legislature that considers appropriations.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the California Conservation Corps may, if he or she determines that exigent circumstances exist warranting prompt action, lease facilities required for program needs without the review or approval of the Office of Real Estate and Design in the Department of General Services or of the department.

SEC. 4.

- SEC. 2. Section 19080.3 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 19080.3. (a) Limited term appointments shall be made only for temporary staffing needs and shall not individually or consecutively exceed one year, except that the board may authorize limited term appointments of up to a total of two years' duration when a permanent appointment would be likely to cause a layoff, demotion, or mandatory transfer requiring a change of residence upon the conclusion of the temporary staffing need. Limited term appointments may be extended within the time limits prescribed by this section without making an additional appointment.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the California Conservation Corps may, if he or she determines that exigent circumstances exist warranting prompt action, make limited term appointments, for a term not to exceed four years, without the approval of the State Personnel Board.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may authorize the Director of the California Conservation Corps to extend a limited term appointment for a term not to exceed four years if the director determines that the appointment is necessary to carry out program needs.
- SEC. 5. Section 19836 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 19836. (a) The department may authorize payment at any step above the minimum salary limit to classes or positions in order to meet recruiting problems, to obtain a person who has extraordinary qualifications, to correct salary inequities resulting from actions by the department or State Personnel Board, or to give credit for prior state service in connection with appointments, promotions, reinstatements, transfers,

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1 reallocations, or demotions. Other salary adjustments within the 2 salary range for the class may be made upon the application of the appointing power and with the approval of the director. 3 4 Adjustments within the salary range authorized by this section may be either permanent or temporary and may be made 5 6 retroactive to the date of application for this change. 7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the 8 California Conservation Corps may, if he or she determines that 9 exigent circumstances exist warranting prompt action, appoint a 10 person who possesses extraordinary qualifications to a position 11 with the corps, at a salary above the minimum salary for that 12 position or class.

(b) If the provisions of this section are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Section 3517.5, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

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- SEC. 3. Section 14306.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:
- 14306.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to implement any contract that is subject to the approval of the Department of General Services, the director may do all of the following without the prior approval of the department:
- (a) Appoint a person to a civil service class or position with the corps at a salary above the minimum salary for that class or position.
- (b) Make necessary operational changes with respect to procurement or management of the corps' motor vehicle fleet.
- (c) Purchase or lease property, facilities, or equipment required to carry out program needs.